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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PERFORMANCE OF HURRICANE GROUP OF AMOS

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the Harricana group of Amos is taking on the automobile subcontracting market and wants to increase its forestry equipment exports to Latin America and Asia.

The Arcand brothers are also interested in investment opportunities in Chile, which is undertaking a major forestry development program.

Last year, sales of the Harricana group amounted to \$41.2 million, up 74 per cent from the previous fiscal year.

Mr. Speaker, Canadians and Québécois should watch the performance of the Harricana group managers and employees in Abitibi.

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[English]

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

HOUSEKEEPING RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River): Mr. Speaker, last year some Members of the House and the RCMP were made aware of circumstances concerning alleged breaches of trust with respect to House of Commons budgets and funds.

Another Member of the House has now been charged with Criminal Code offences and it is essential that we in this House assure to the accused a fair hearing and that innocence will be presumed until then.

However, every healthy institution, and in particular the institution of this House of Commons, must have the means of assuring its own good order and discipline. Even a local hockey team has the means of applying order and discipline in its organization.

Initiatives to deal with such matters are met by Government statements in sequences such as: "Under police investigation," "sub-judice" and, after the trial, "The matter is closed".

We, the Members who sit in arguably the most powerful institution in this country, are seen by our voters to be totally impotent.

The subcontracting out to provincial courts of serious matters such as these detracts from the strength and honour of the House and its Members.

I respectfully suggest that the burden of such house-keeping lies with the Members here. Whether such business constitutes a matter of privilege or simply doing the work we are paid for and sworn to do, the voters of my constituency and of the country will not want to be stonewalled for another three years.

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YOUTH

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION FUNDING PROVIDED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. John E. Cole (York Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I want to announce today on behalf of my colleague, the Hon. Minister of State for Youth (Mr. Charest), the approval of \$9 million to advance more than 50 co-operative education projects across Canada. This amount is added to the \$26 million that has supported 193 projects since 1985.

Co-operative education is an academic plan that formally integrates a student's classroom studies with work experience in appropriate fields.

The principle of co-operative education was first adopted in Canada in 1957. Since then, co-operative education has grown gradually and spread to both universities and colleges in various regions of Canada.

With the introduction of the Canadian Jobs Strategy funding by Employment and Immigration in 1985, co-operative education has experienced accelerated growth. Today there are 38,000 students enrolled in co-op programs in 75 post-secondary institutions.

Co-operative education will play an important role in the future development and adaptability of our workforce. It is a well suited mechanism to assist young Canadians in preparing themselves for the workplace of tomorrow.

Co-op education serves as a major bridge between the classroom and the world of work. Our Government is committed to programs that ease the school-work transition.

Our support for co-operative education illustrates our Government's commitment to the human resources strategy and the training measures announced on April 11, when the Government brought forth its labour force development strategy.